Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The idea in 1104 and 1105 was to replace the Irish drain by means of a bridge costing Rs. 8,000. It was found that it was sufficient to fill the drain and metal the portion. Government approved the suggestion that instead of constructing a costly bridge an Irish drain may be filled up, and if we were to do the earth work during the monsoon which becomes slushy it will cause a good deal of trouble to the cart track. So that we thought it may be done in the next dry season. The cost of it will be only Rs. 150 which can be met from the annual maintenance of the road. So no separate provision is necessary.

Keraliya Ayurvedic Samajam Vaidyasala.

85. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Keraliya Ayurvedic Samajam Vaidyasala was started at Cheruthuruthi;

(b) whether the Government has any hand in its management; if so, what ;

(c) whether any amount is spent by the Cochin Government for this institution;

(d) has the Government done anything further to improve the K. A. Samajam Hospital as stated in answer to question No. 392 of the Legislative Session of 1106 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) In 1089.

(b) The Government have no hand in the management of the Samajam ; but they have the power of inspection.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. Government have sanctioned the grant of a piece of land adjacent to the hospital as Inam to the Samajam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(c) What is the amount the Government gives to this institution ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have promised a grant up to Rs. 30,000 subject to certain conditions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How much have been granted by this time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About Rs. 18,000 or so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the conditions of the grant ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—An equal amount should be collected from the public, then alone any grant will be made by the Durbar; in other words if a certain amount is collected by public subscriptions, Government also will contribute an equal amount subject to the total of Rs. 30,000.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I take it that in the grant of this Rs. 18,000 this principle has been kept up ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(d) Question. No. 392 referred to a resolution of this Council regarding the opening of an Ayurvedic College in the State and this answer was given that "since the Government has already subscribed largely to the K. A. Samajam Hospital at Cheruthuruthi which is within the State and is an efficient institution, Government consider that there is no immediate occasion to start another Central Ayurvedic Hospital and the better course will be further to improve the present Hospital". Is this all what is contemplated by the expression further improvement?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not all that is expected by the Government to be done to the Samajam. They also asked for some acquisition of land near by, costing about Rs. 8,000 and for some aid for the Ayurvedic School. Government went into both these questions very carefully. As regards the land they found that funds won't allow that to be done at present. As regards the school there is not sufficient clinic material to start the school. Even if a contribution is made by the Government the school cannot be profitably opened by the Samajam. It is one reason why that grant was not sanctioned. The matter has not been closed. Some more suggestions are coming in from the Samajam and they are being pushed through.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the market value of the land that has been given to the Samajam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not very much.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what it is?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It will be on the less side of Rs. 500. I do not know the exact amount.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the light of the correspondence that passed between them and the Samajam, will the Government reconsider the question of opening the Ayurvedic College within the site itself?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. As I said the matter has not been closed yet. Some further suggestions have been made by the Samajam and the matter is pursued in that line. The correspondence has not been closed as to the improvement of the Samajam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(b) Has this power of inspection been utilised?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Oh, yes; very very carefully.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How many times has the institution been inspected by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

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